Diploma in computer application course in Hindi meduim

541. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to yate:

(a) when the Diploma in Computer Application course was introduced in Hindi medium;

(b) what is the number of books on each subject and video lectures that have been prepared since then;

(c) what is the scheme of Government to accelerate production of books, videos; etc. for computer courses ta Hindi medium; and

(d) which is the nodal centre to coordinate preparation of course material for computer course in Hindi medium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Diploma in Computer Application in Hindi Medium was introduced in 1984.

(b) At present, 9 books are available in Hindi medium or the following subjects on Computer;—

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— Introduction to Computers 4

— Computer Programming 2

— Computer Hardware . 1

— Computer Glossary Book 1

— Computer Assisted Learning 1

However, at present, there are no video lectures available in Hindi Medium for the course.

(c) Government has instituted an award scheme for authors writing original books on Electronics (including Computers).

(d) The Department of Electronics and the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology under the Ministry of Human Resource Development are coordinating the preparation of course meterial for computer courses in the Hindi Medium.

Extension beyond the retirement age

542. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Officers of Doordarshan and All India Radio have recently been given extension on the eve of their retirement in violation of Government's orders of May, 1977 and January, 1983 restricting extension in service to extremely rare and exceptional circumstances; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor alongwith the circumstances under which the extensions have been given?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRUA VYAS): (a) and (b) None of the officers of All India Radio and Doordarshan belonging to regular Government Servaats Cadre has been granted extension in the recent past from 1st April, 1991 onwards.

Extension to AIR to Director General

543. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the former AIR Director General was not given extension on the ground that tbe then Prime Minister was strictly against any extension to the superannuated officials;

(b) if so, the details;

(c) whether the present Director General of Doordarshan is also due to retire and similar decision would be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor'[1]